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MUSICAL CLUBS GIVE CONCERT AND DANCE

Performance Not Quite so 'Finished' as Previously Announced, but Pleases Well.

ON FRIDAY, THE THIRTEENTH.

Ominous Date Proves Too Much for 'Tutti Frutti.' Program Shows Several New Features.

The "finished product" of the Musical Clubs was given Friday night at the Scollard Opera House in Clinton. It took one hour and three quarters to finish it, during which time a large audience was most pleasantly entertained. as proved by the numerous encores and applause. The new stunts introduced by the Glee Quartet and the Mandolin Quintet were the hit of the evening. On account of its length the program was arranged in two parts.

Part I.—"We Come to Hang Our Banners," (Dounce, '10), which was succeeded by "Fair Hamilton" (Lewis, '90), sung by the Glee Club. "Siamese Patrol" by the Mandolin Club; Monologue by Shepard, '17; "O Mother Mine" by the Glee Club, with "The Long Day Closes" as an encore; Selections from the popular airs of the day by the Mandolin Quintette, consisting of Flagg, Eddy, McGibeny, '14, Ogilvie and Banks, '16; solo—"Sweet Miss Mary" by Weed, '17, who sang "Un Peu D'Amour" as an encore.

Part II.—"Tutti Frutti" arrangement of Goodenough, '15, by the Glee Club; Monologue by Beer, '17; Medley by the Mandolin Club; Selections by the Glee Quartet, consisting of Brown, McGibeny, Felt, '14, Weed, '17; Pianologue by McGibeny, '14; and "Carissima."

Par I of the program was a repetition of the Junior Week performance, with the addition of a solo by Weed, '17, who did very well for his first appearance alone. Mr. Weed, with constant practice and training, will no doubt prove an invaluable aid to the clubs. The "Tutti Frutti" arrangement was truly an innovation, altho peculiar. Possibly it was affected or infected by the 13th of March falling on a Friday. Anyway, it was a scream, with a clamorous ending. This number received by far the most applause of the Glee Club renditions.

The "Histoires" of Beer, '17, were exceptionally well delivered, and encored vociferously. He responded with "The Shooting of Dan McGrew" and Kipling's famous "Gungha Din." Both pieces were exactly suited to Mr. Beer's personality, with the result that he was seen at his best. McGibeny's pianologues were well received, especially his song entitled "Betty." The Glee Quartet were called back continually. But perhaps the repertoire of the Mandolin Quintet, "with elaborate costume effects," drew most smiles and laughter. Some more of these original skits are being worked up for the Easter trip by Leader Flagg, a quartet of "Boxotones" being the latest invention.

Succeeding the concert was a very informal dance, as given out on the program. A comfortably filled house listened to the concert, and the gate receipts will go towards defraying the expenses of the clubs during their Easter trip. Manager Marsh has made definite arrangements for concerts at Elmira, under the auspices of Elmira College, at Middletown, N. Y., Honesdale, Pa., Tarrytown, N. Y., and the Hotel Astor, New York City, for the latter part of the week following Easter Sunday. He is experiencing considerable difficulty in arranging earlier concerts on account of Holy Week, but hopes to have his schedule filled out in a few days.

Musical One of Best Ever Held

The third musical of this year's Chamber Music, which was held at the Delta Upsilon House last Saturday evening, was one of the best that has ever been held on the Hill. The room was admirably adapted to this sort of a performance and this added largely to the success of the program. The College had a large delegation present and quite a large number came out from Utica in spite of the uncertain weather.

The artists for the evening were Mr. Alphonse Pelletier, who played the French horn. Mr. Ulysse Buhler, pianist, and Prof. Saunders. The Trio by Brahms was especially well adapted to the French horn and Mr. Pelletier soon showed that this instrument is as beautiful in chamber music as in the symphony. The second number, one of Cesar Franck's compositions, was very well executed and was typical of the author's latter period of writing. The last number was a Sonata by Beethoven played by Mr Buhler. The audience remembered with pleasure his visit of last year and were not content until he responded with a Gavotte of Gluck.

Mr. Buhler and Mr. Pelletier are interested in chamber music in and near Pittsfield, Mass., where they are doing the same sort of work that is covered by our musicals here. This was Mr. Pelletier's first appearance here and the College hopes it will not be his last.

BOWLING.

As the bowling tournament draws to a close the interest in it is still high. The results of the past week have put the Psi U team well in the lead by such a margin that it will be very difficult to oust them from the first place.

The following games were played last week: Delta U 2, Chi Psi 1, E. L. S. 2, D. K. E. 1, Delta U 2, Alpha Delt 1, Chi Psi 2, Delta U 1. In these games Hulbert, Knapp, Rothensies, and Carrington represented the Emerson Lits; Aldrich, Hamlin, and Brockway, the Dekes; Banks, Nichols, and Leonard, the Alpha Delts; E. Miller, Griffith, and Whitman, the Delta U's; G. Ogilvie, Miller, and B. Dayton, the Chi Psis. The two high scores of the past week are 208 and 205, rolled by Nichols and Banks, respectively. There are three more games to be played. Delta U plays E. L. S. and Deke, and Chi Psi plays Deke.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE COMPLETE WITH R.P.I.

Hamilton to Meet Old Rivals From Troy Again. Either Samp or Reynolds to Coach.

Hamilton will meet another old rival on the gridiron next Fall, when a team of husky, red-stockinged engineers from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute is matched against the Buff and Blue on Steuben Field. R. P. I. has always put up a strong game against Hamilton, playing a 0-0 tie on their last visit here two years ago. The football manager was very fortunate in clinching a game with them, and so filling the date left open on account of the action of the Rochester manager. The R. P. I. aggregation is sure to offer as strong an argument as Rochester, and the substitution is more than satisfactory to the Hamilton management. The schedule as now arranged is as follows:

Sept. 26, St. Stephens at Clinton.
Oct. 3, Syracuse at Syracuse.
Oct. 10, N. Y. U. at Clinton.
Oct. 17, R. P. I. at Clinton.
Oct. 24, Hobart at Geneva.
Oct. 31, St. Lawrence at Clinton.
Nov. 7, Open.
Nov. 14, Union at Schenectady.

The schedule has one particularly good feature, in that it provides for no long trips. Manager McNair has arranged so that all Hamilton rooters accompanying the team to Syracuse will be allowed in the Stadium free. so the only game which will not be witnessed by practically the whole College is that at Geneva. The team has a week open to prepare for the Garnet, an arrangement effected on advice of Coach Samp. An attempt was made to put Middlebury on the schedule, but R. P. I. was given the preference because negotiations were begun with them first.

Either Coach Samp or C. W. P. Reynolds, Syracuse, '09, in all probability will coach the team next fall. Coach Samp has not yet been able to say definitely that he will return. He is thinking of engaging in Wisconsin politics, and may coach Marquette University in order to be nearer home. If it is at all possible, however, he will return here. If he cannot come back, Mr. Reynolds, who has coached Hobart for the five years since his graduation at Syracuse, and who has had such phenomenal success with the material available there, may be secured. Hobart has secured a coach for all branches of her athletics, and Reynolds is at liberty. Reynolds is undoubtedly one of the best small college coaches in this section of the country, and has been heartily recommended by prominent alumni of this College.

—Group pictures for the amiltonian will be taken at Frey's on Saturday, March 21. At 1.30 p. m., the Hamiltonian Board; at 2.00 the **Life** Board; at 2.20, the Lit. Board; at 2.40, Pentagon; at 3.00, Square; at 3.20, the Executive Council; at 3.40, the Prom Committee; at 4.10, D. T.; at 4.30, Y. M. C. A. Cabinet.

—The following alumni were on the Hill last week: Bristol. '82, Connell, '12, and Erskine, '12.

OFFICIAL CONTROL FOR THE BOOKSTORE

Many Complaints Result in Investigation by Life and Proposal for New Scheme.

PLAN SHOULD BENEFIT ALL.

Let College Control With Faculty Supervision, and Operators Receive Salaries.

An attempt has been made by **Life** to investigate some of the complaints which have been directed against the College Bookstore. The result indicates that some radical change has long been needed, and that the management of the store cannot hope to satisfy the College under present conditions.

The complaints arising from overcharges for text books have been followed up in four cases. It was found that for some text books, the students have been charged from five to twenty-five per cent above list prices. Moreover, it is claimed that this extra percentage is necessary if the Bookstore is to make a reasonable profit. Book companies which supply the store allow a discount of about ten per cent, seldom more, only on condition that cash is paid within a limited time. Still worse, the store has frequently been forced to order more books than were sold. This left-over stock cannot be returned to the companies and represents a loss, which may be permanent if a different text book is used the following year.

Conditions Unsatisfactory.

Similar conditions have been responsible for the delay of the new books for a week or two after the opening of the term. Fear of having books left on their hands prevents the managers of the Bookstore from sending in orders until they know how many men are planning to buy new books. This situation is unsatisfactory to the students and evidently so to the management of the Bookstore. It has resulted in leading several of the professors to order their books direct and more have stated their intention of following suit.

The most hopeful solution of the problem seems to be the establishment of a co-operative store under faculty supervision. The completion of the new library would furnish a location better than the present one, in either the old building or the new. The adoption of this plan would merely transfer the owners of the present bookstore to the position of salaried clerks. With the College in control, individual orders could be insisted upon in most cases and a larger capital would remove fear of loss thru uncalled for books.

Competent Supervision.

Such a store could offer for sale other books than text books and could leave odds and ends to Commons. Professor Ibbotson is suggested as one willing to unndertake the task of supervising a co-operative store, and auditing its accounts. Several members of the faculty, to whom this suggestion has been made, believe that it would meet the conditions which now seem too difficult for the Bookstore to cope with.

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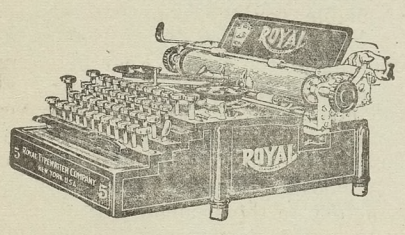

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The invitation of Pres. and Mrs. Stryker to the Professors and their wives and the members of the Senior Class for Wednesday evening last heralded one of the pleasantest social College affairs of the year. All the Seniors and Professors were there and the wives of those professors who are fortunate enough to have them, and all spent a most delightful and enjoyable evening.

A pleasant surprise was afforded the guests when Mrs. Gilbert, of Utica, read a paper on Florida, telling in a most fascinating and interesting way the recent great development and and improvements in the southern part of that state and pointing out not only the advantages for fashionable winter residences but the excellent opportunities there for any active and energetic business man. She told in her delightful Southern way how the formerly impassable swamps had been irrigated and drained by canals and opened up to civilization by new railroad systems, and explained what immense success the people who have recently settled there are having in gardening vegetables and fruits for northern markets.

Shortly afterward a delightful buffet supper was served and the guests spent the rest of the evening in a social way.

At no time before in their College course have the Seniors mingled in a social way so enjoyably and pleasantly with the Professors and their wives, and great thanks are due Dr. and Mrs. Stryker for a most charming evening.

—The honor system has been adopted at Wisconsin University.

VACATION SCHEDULE.

Hamilton graduates living in and near New York will be pleased to know of the many opportunities they will be given to see the boys from the Hill during Easter Week. There will be at least four baseball games in the vicinity of the big city, and the Musical Clubs concert will bring together a large crowd of graduates and undergraduates of the College. The schedule for the week follows:

Wednesday, April 15, Hamilton vs. Rutgers at New Brunswick.

Thursday, April 16, Hamilton vs. St. Johns at Brooklyn.

Friday, April 17, Hamilton vs. Stevens at Hoboken, Musical Clubs Concert at the Astor.

Saturday, April 18, Hamilton vs. N. Y. U. at Ohio Field.

INTERCLASS BASKETBALL.

The two preliminary games in the interclass championship were played March 9, and resulted in the defeat of the Freshmen by the Sophomores, and of the Juniors by the Seniors. Neither of the games proved very exciting The match between 1916 and 1917 was a walk-away, the former team winning 36 to 7. McLouth did the best work for the Sophomores, and Behan made the only field baskets for the Freshmen.

The Seniors and Juniors were both rather short of men, but Midge and Gummy did their worst to make things interesting. Due largely to Mengerink's skill in "booting the ball" with head and feet, the Seniors succeeded in carrying off the victory. The final score was 11 to 5.

The championship game, between the Seniors and Sophomores, will be played off tomorrow night.

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EDITORIAL.

The Bookstore.

In another column are published some facts and some suggestions in regard to the running of the College Bookstore, a matter that has for years aroused a good deal of criticism and complaint, some of which was warranted, much of which was not. **Life** had heard these complaints, but had refrained from suggesting any change because of the fact that the Bookstore has offered one of the few opportunities open on the Hill for a man to work his way thru College. Investigation has shown, however, that a change to a more generally satisfactory system need not remove this opportunity. The results of this investigation **Life** commends to the serious consideration of its readers.

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Corncobs for Frosh.

"The 'tradition' which forbids Freshmen to smoke pipes is likely to pass into desirable history. The net result of the prohibition has been bad, since it has caused Freshmen who smoke to use cigarettes. It was suggested that the first-year smokers be restricted to corncob pipes and the idea found instant approval."

No, this is not a news item from Hamilton College, not yet. **Life** hopes that it may be before another Freshman Class enters, and that Hamilton will not be far behind the University in the far West from whose paper this item is quoted in instituting a reform which appears so obviously desirable.

You upperclassmen, who have the regulating of these matters, think it over. Would it not be just as distinctive a restriction—nay, more so—to allow the first-year men to smoke corncob pipes and no other kind, as to limit their smoking on the Campus solely to cigarettes? Of course, the express advantage aimed at is the hygienic one. A college should not allow a musty undergraduate "tradition" to stand when it may work actual harm to the individual. Besides, corncobs with those green caps would be immensely becoming.

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Something Good.

Life cannot but remark on the general feeling of satisfaction in having had a really good time that was evident in the ranks of the Seniors after Mrs. Stryker's reception of last Wednesday. It must be admitted that people do not always go to a reception expecting just the most enjoyable kind of a time, but the pessimist's contentions were completely broken down by this delightful affair. Not only was the entertainment entertaining, but there was a spirit of ease, good fellowship and cordiality which went far to make it what it was. An outsider present would never have doubted but that all that friendly and intimate relationship betwen the undergraduates and members of the faculty which Hamilton professes to aim for existed in the fullest measure on the Hill. We know it does, potentially. May it soon be so in fact.

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One Way of Helping.

At a certain college in the East, each Senior class at Commencement time votes to do something for the college, some distinctive thing, which shall be of lasting benefit to the College and a lasting memorial of that class's devotion to their Alma Mater. The graduating class of two years ago, a particularly loyal one, voted —not some slight offering which could be procured from a hasty passing of the hat on the last day of the term —but, recognizing their small ability to make a really effective donation at that time, voted to present to the college on the occasion of the twenty-fifth reunion of the class the sum of $25,000. This from a class of about seventy-five men, and by unanimous vote.

This impresses one as being a highly commendable scheme from every standpoint. In the first place, it provides for a gift to the college of a sum which, as pointed out in the class Bulletin, if duplicated by each succeeding class, would be equal to the interest on a half-million endowment. A substantial offering, surely! Secondly, it does this good in a very rational way, taking cognizance of the much greater future ability of the men to make a gift of this kind than what exists at present. Perhaps most important of all, it provides a sure method of keeping each alumnus actively interested in his college and its needs. How many men are prone to lose this interest, even in the first few years after graduation! Those who attempt to raise endowments by subscription know. Clement G. Martin '83 who is now engaged in raising a million dollar endowment for Hamilton, knows all to well.

This is a proposition which Hamilton's classes may well think over. Does the Class of 1914 want to do something definate, something big, for Hamilton? The time is not long now before the class will be a class only in name, scattered to the four corners of the earth, never to come together again save in more or less incomplete groups at stated class reunions.

Carpe diem for tempus fugit.

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It's to be regretted that we are not to play Colgate in baseball this year. For the last two years the home game on Steuben Field with the Maroon team has been the occasion for demonstrations equalled only by a victory over Union in football. The men that turned the trick for Hamilton last year to the tune of 14 to 5 are all back in College, and nothing would please them better than a chance to repeat the performance.

—Senate Committee decides to retain literacy test for immigrants. How relieved Dr. Stryker must feel that so few prospective freshmen are coming from abroad this year.

—It will cost Columbia University $3,721,215 to operate next year. But then, you see, they have to support their department of Geology.

—Having survived an earthquake and the eclipse of the moon, the College is anxiously awaiting a flood of the Oriskany.

—English Suffragette does $75,000 damage to the "Rokeby Venus". And yet they say the suffrage movement is no attack on love.

— Many students in Hamilton College spend over $700," quotes the yellow pres.s And now we may expect to have the income tax collectors on our heels.

—Among the dances popular at the University of Washington are: The Sidewalk, The Big Bend, The Garden Gait, The Daily Press, The Kitchen Sink and the Back Steps.

—The German Kaiser has made a rule that no student shall take more than five drinks a day. Hobart claims that this is a direct imitation of recent legislaion in that college.

—Commenting on **Life's** "The Senior Talks," of March 3, the Hobart Herald notices the same lack of intimate relations between student and instructor as at Hamilton.

—"All for Colgate" is the significant motto which the Colgate Madisonensis bears on its editorial page.

COMMUNICATIONS.

To the Editor of Life:

The Senior who talks in Hamilton **Life** (the issue of March 3rd) regrets an advantage missed. He speaks of the opportunity the small college affords the members of the Faculty and the students for close acquaintance, and wishes this desirable friendliness existed here. He seriously endeavors to analyze the situation, giving reasons which seem to him hindrances, and suggests remedies to be tried on each side. If the subject at all concerns the wives of the members of the Faculty—the Senior does not imply that it does—one of them would like to express her deep interest, and to declare how much appreciated light would be in this shady spot. Devoted study of the student mind has not yet revealed his attitude toward the halls not classical, and the walls without blackboards within which, without examination, he has been truly welcome these many years. Sick and well, glad and sad, and bad, he has been bidden, been urged, been tended. been fed. That without bidding he does not come,—that he succeeds so weli in hiding his feelings of gratitude, had only led to one conclusion—that he would rather be let alone—that is, until this Senior Talked.

(Signature withheld.)

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To the Editor of Life:

I notice in **Life's** criticism of the February Lit. the following: "To those who like to live in the past, 'Ye Oldtyme Battell 'Twixt Profane and Sacred Love,' may appear to be a pretty fair imitation; but the average man would rather live in the present . . . "

It does not seem to me as if this statement, with its obvious implication that the attempt to imitate classic forms of expression is not worth the time and trouble of the present generation, ought to be allowed to go unchallenged— especially when printed in a college publication.

The young student of the art of writing should concern himself with the manner rather than with the matter of expression, and therefore that the Lit.'s Thomas Chatterton chose to expand upon a theme medieval and not modern is, from the critical point of view, of small importance. On

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Spice of Life

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—revaeW .J

At Weisie's.

Mabel: That Deeturline guy stands there like a piece of furniture.

Reba: Yes. Plain wall nut.

The cuticular protuberance was calling in Utica.

Wart: I wish I had money. I'd travel.

She: How much do you think you'd need?

1st Nut: Did you see the "Blue Bird" last night?

Geo.: No, sir! The things I saw were pink.

N. B. Take your pick. Geo. Browning, Williamson, Ogilvie, Ogden, Tunbridge, Walker.

N. B. 2. We choose the last named.

The next eclipse will be on March 24th, when Woodrow Wilson will be permanently obscured. Watch this pace.

Typographical Error?

"She loved her whole life for philanthropy." —Utica Press.

Will some one kindly inform us whether this is a misprint in the second word, or if it refers to the girl that Leff Brown goes in to see?

Down at Colgate they're thinking of not holding any Prom. They're a little afraid, prhaps, that someone will yell "Cash" and there'll be a stampede.

Holden: You know this kid down on the Busy Corner without any legs —the kid that sells gum? He's suing the city.

Ted Jessup: Well! What's that for?

Holden: Oh, for building the sidewalk too near his stomach.

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We are yet, but we're thinking of selling them this week to pay our board bill.

McGibknee: Sorry to refuse, old man, but my money likes company.

Other Wart: How do you mean?

Max: It can't bear to be alone.

The new spring gowns, we gather, are to be closer to the figure, the figure being $200.

Of sense to this
There's not a trace.
We need four lines
To fill the space.

—Denver Times.

And likewise we,
When short, by gol,
Have penned just this
To fill the col.

—The second meeting of the Lit. Club was held last Thursday evening at the Psi U house. After the reading of papers on Tolstoi by Blood and Mengerink a general discussion of the man and his work ensued. After the meeting, Weed, '17, sang a few solos for the club. The next meeting will be held at Sigma Phi Hall, and the subject for discussion will be Bernard Shaw. The speakers for the meeting will be Jessup and Weaver.

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Baseball practice is being held daily in the cage in the Gymnasium under the direction of Captain Royce. All the players are getting their arms in shape, and are doing some regular gym work to get the stiffness of the winter out of their systems. Batting practice has begun and the men are learning the art of bunting, also occasionally are taking long, healthy swings at the ball. No other work is being attempted at the present time owing to the small working space. The pitchers are loosening up some and will soon begin "curvin' 'em." Whitman of the Freshmen looks as tho he would be able to help, and also Petersen, altho the latter has not shown quite so much form. Behan and French are the only other Freshmen that show more than mediocre ability.

Beginning with this week a roll of the candidates will be kept and in cases where the competition is close the men who are most regular in attendance will get the positions for the Easter trip. Coach Turner, of the Bronx Athletics, one of the fastest teams in New York, will arrive on the fourth of April and will then take charge of the work. From the amount of snow on the ground at present it does not look as tho the team would be able to get outdoors much before the Easter recess. If the diamond is good enough to play on the first two or three days of vacation will be spent on the Hill in practice. If the diamond is unfit for use at that time, the team will go directly to New York and practice on a field down there before playing the games.

Manager White will not give out his final schedule for the season until next week, as he has not got it completed to his own satisfaction. The New York trip will include games with St. Johns, Stevens, Rutgers, N. Y. U., and City College. He has one new team for a game on the campus but will not say what team it is until he has his schedule complete. For the first time in many years, Colgate will not be on the schedule. A game had been arranged with them for June 6 on this diamond, and they wanted the return game down there on June 20. This is on the Saturday before Hamilton's Commencement and so White had to refuse them. Colgate then turned around and cancelled the earlier date. They claim that their schedule is now complete and Hamilton is off their schedule for the first time since Colgate has had a baseball team.

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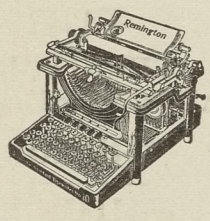

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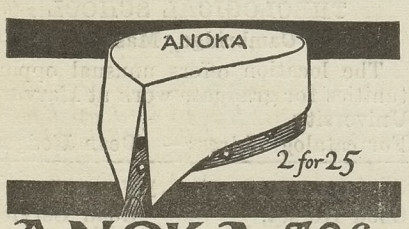

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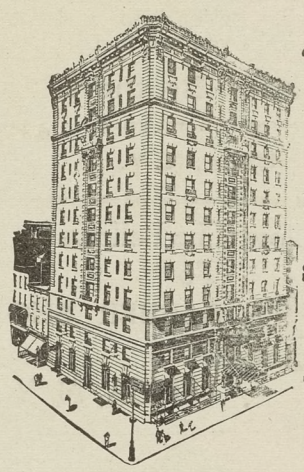

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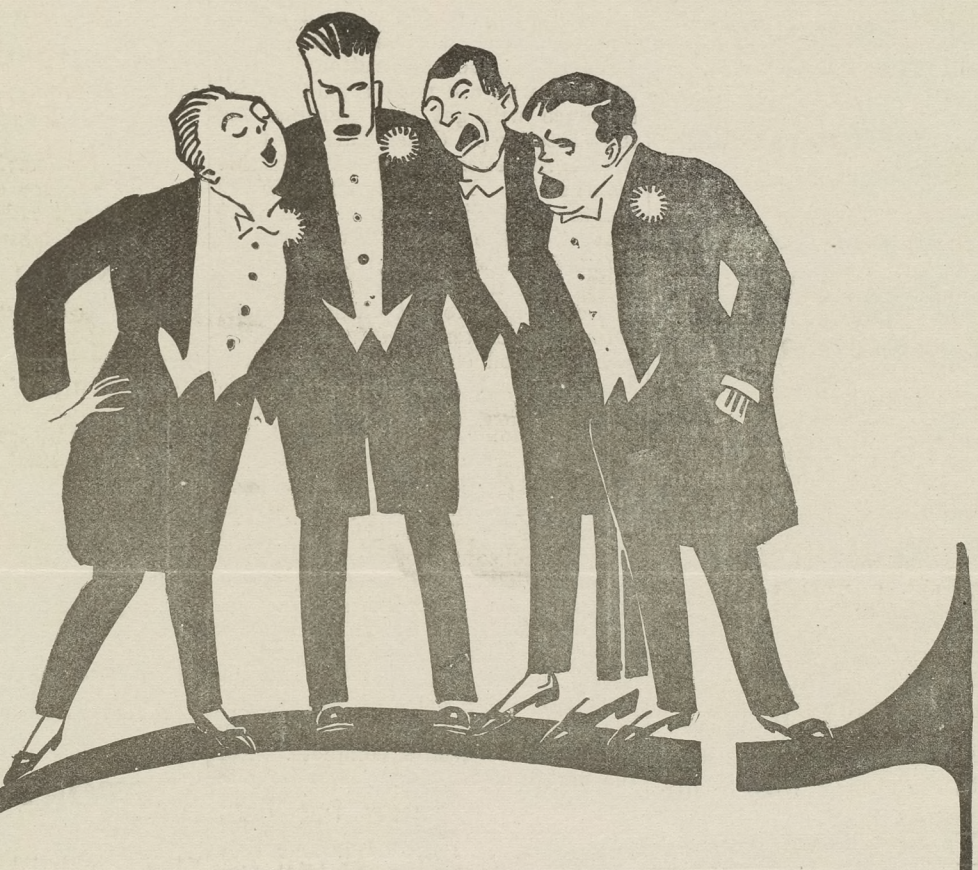

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COMMUNICATIONS.

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the other hand, it ought to be set down as greatly to his credit that the model after which he attempted to fashion his stanzas was built originally by one of England's very greatest poets working in the mid-morning of England's very greatest poetic age. To have elected to try to write like Spenser, as did Mr. McLean, rather than like one of the contributors to the Yellow Book, as did Mr. Browning, at least showed correct and virile taste . . .

If a man in these days wishes to become a speaker or writer he has got to do more than merely read the daily papers and contemporary literature. The best models for a man to study are those executed by the most manly, the most vigorous. At present the most manly and vigorous are not writing; they are clustered about industrialism like barnacles about the bottom of a sinking ship. We have, then, for the best examples of literary execution, to go backward, as Mr. McLean has done, several centuries. Do not misunderstand me. I do not mean to say by this that we should not read contemporary writings. On the contrary. the study of what little modern literature there is is the natural and proper preparation for study of the classics. When the compounders of college curriculums come to understand this, when they quit putting the cart before the horse, when they take to making men read Ibsen before Sophocles, then, and probably not until then, shall we see any great revival of interest in or any great increase of profit from the study of the ancient classics.

Edward W. Root, '05.

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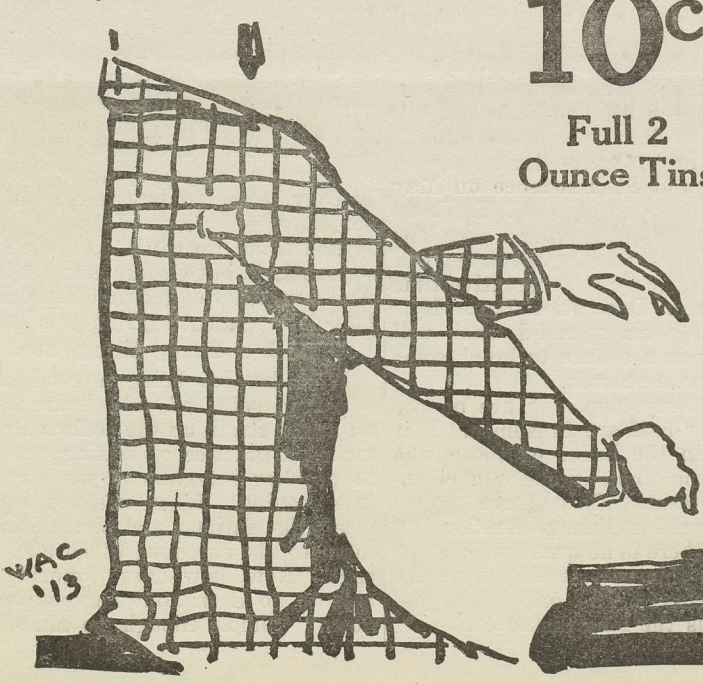

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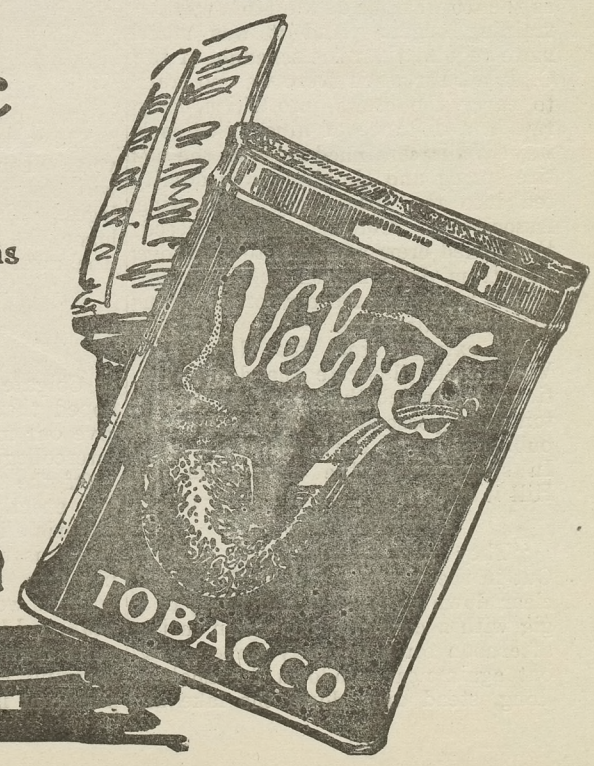

SHELLS IN COMMONS HAVE A HISTORY

Facts of Hamilton's Rowing Activity Known to Few of This Generation.

COLLEGE HAD CREW IN '75.

Took Part in One Regatta but Gave up Sport for Lack of Training Facilities.

The mystery that seems to hover about the two racing shells that hang suspended from the ceiling at Commons, justifies a publication of the facts that compose their history. And, as it will be seen, these boats have a past that is well worth preserving among the College traditions, not because they commemorate any great victory or achievement, but because they hang as monuments of an epoch in the history of the College when the ambition to stand high among the other colleges of the land in all branches of intercollegiate activity had become the passion of the undergraduate body.

To understand how the regatta idea received its inception at Hamilton we must first familiarize ourselves with the intercollegiate activities of the College during the sixties and early seventies. Hamilton was best known as the institution of oratory. For years she had enjoyed unprecedented success in speaking contests. The many prizes which her orators had won had widened the area of her fame. Then intercollegiate baseball was introduced—the old-fashioned baseball in which the pitcher tossed a soft ball and the flies were fielded by bare hands. Hamilton stood well in this form of athletics. All that she lacked in the realm of intercollegiate activity was a crew to compete at the annual regatta at Saratoga.

Cochran, '50, Conceived Idea.

It was then, in the fall of '74, that David Henry Cochran of the class of '50 became convinced that Hamilton could and should be represented in the contests of the Intercollegiate Rowing Association. His enthusiasm soon raised the funds necessary to make his idea effective. An order for a practice boat and a racing shell to be used at the regatta was placed in the hands of Fearon of Yonkers, who was at the time the best-known builder of racing shells.

In the early spring of '75, as soon as the ice was out of the Mohawk, the training began. And it was much more regular than the schedule of the O. & W., for when there was no train to carry the crews into Utica, they ran in a distance of nine miles each way! This continued thruout the entire spring and Hamilton was admitted into the Intercollegiate Rowing Association. Commencement passed, the picked crew was sent to Saratoga and from June fourth until the day of the race even more rigorous training was maintained.

An extract from the New York World will illustrate the determination with which these men of Hamilton were possessed. The article was published a few days before the race. In speaking of the crew from the Hill it says:

How They Worked.

"They pull twenty miles a day. Out in the morning at 9.30 for a pull clear down to Moon's and back, in a gig with a coxwain; out again in the afternoon for a leisurely three miles; out again near sundown for another long, stead drop down the lake and back—a little clubs between times, and once in a while a little walk. On the whole it is a pretty hard day's work, and not to be lightly regarded by anybody concerned. The crew pulls bare back, and strips to large-framed, sound, well-muscled bodies. The trainer is Edward Love, of East Saginaw, Mich. The boat is of cedar, buoyant model, length 50 feet, and width 22 inches."

Love was a graduate of the class of '73 and an expert oarsman. His zeal was the greatest encouragement the crew had.

The day of the race came. The oarsmen were nerved up to the limit. Mid-way in the course one of the crew caught a crab, almost throwing the shell entirely out of the race. Cornell swept to victory and Hamilton finished next to last, tenth, after the splendid spurt that saved them from complete defeat and brought them a thundering applause from the onlookers.

Project Given Up.

The race was the consuming topic of conversation during the whole of the following fall and talk of "next year" began early. But College spirit was forced to give way to the sane and indisputable arguments of those who pointed out the impracticability of the regatta idea at Hamilton, situated as the College was so far from an adequate water course. Reluctantly, but wisely, Hamilton resigned that winter from the Rowing Association.

When Commons was built, the late Hon. James S. Sherman, '72, hit upon the plan of placing the two shells where they now hang, mementos of the days when College spirit and energy was ready to attempt the seemingly impossible for the sake of Hamliton fame.

TRACK WORK IN GYM.

Real Practice Prepares Men for Later Work Outside.

"On your mark!" "Get set!" "Go!" and the voice of Captain Fritz Lee, of four-forty fame, rings thru the Gymnasium. Following the instructions of Coach Risley the track men are gradually rounding into condition. Every man is expected to turn up at the Gym three or four times a week for an hour of weights and starts, ending with a short jog. Coach Risley comes once a week to keep an eye on the squad and Captain Lee is in the Gymnasium every afternoon. Thus far the men have been turning out in good numbers and, with faithful training, the squad should take to the open track on the twentieth of April in good physical condition.

The schedule is a good one this year. During the season Hamilton will compete with five different colleges. The first two meets are at home, the first a triangular meet with Rochester and St. Lawrence on May 2, and the second with N. Y. U. on Saturday of the following week. The New York State Intercollegiates will be held for the third consecutive time at Colgate on Decoration Day. It is hoped that their splendid track will give our men a chance to break some intercollegiate records.

Of the forty men who are on the list, exactly half are Freshmen. This material, in the belief of those who know, is the foundation for a championship team. Only three point-winners were lost thru graduation last year, and there is no question but that more than this will develop from the entering class. The only weak department is the long distances.

"Erin go brach" sez Misther Clarke to Misther Tunbridge

Ye're All Oirishmen Today, So Up With Yer Shillalahs and Give a Long Yell Fer the Young Man That's Givin' Ye Yer Shamrock.

Begorra, man, did ye know the luck ye are in this foine old Saint Patrick's marnin'? Did ye know that for one day at least ye may consort with the Ancient Order of Hibernians like a true son of the ould sod and niver a question asked? For Tunbridge, the grand old man of Commons Hall, has been after conceivin' the idea of of givin' ivery man in College a howlin' young shamrock if he comes for it. So, Mister Prex, today we are all in the ranks of the ancient Saint Pat. Hon. Red Clarke, the real Irishman, will make the speeches and wear the biggest shamrock. Everybody from slimer up will turn temporarily green right after Chapel. And furthermore, if you see any man who hasn't got his "little green thing" conduct him at onst and suddenly to Commons, as one Irishman to another. You're a Hibernian today if you don't know any more Irish than 'Erin go brach.' Even Jack Erhardt will forget his Teutonic ancestry for a day and join with Freddy English and Bill Shep in "The Wearin' of the Green."

Bill Squires Says—

As was mentioned before, Tunbridge is the patron of this tender testimonial to old St. Pat. It is one of his ideas—and it sure is a good idea. We can't help refraining from elucidating this theme broadly, because we like George. "The world," Dr. Bill Squires sapiently remarked, "is built up about its mouth." And we, not being philosophers like McMillan, Sr., and Budge Peck, are inclined to squirm in the face of such damning depravity. But the sad fact is, that a mouth has to be fed This is the reason for the Check Book and the Bank Account replenished from home—also for the Commons Ledger. Over this Tunbridge, of the Shamrock fame, presides.

He is a life-saver. He builds us up around our mouths—look at Bloody if you doubt it. But what we like about George is his ideas. He springs new ones every three seconds, which is another way of saying that he is a live wire. Virulently so. But the fact has its sad aspects. G. T.'s ideas magnetize the contents of our jeans. As a result we are constantly dammed at the source, financially speaking, of course. For instance, George invites us to his evenin' joke-spiffin's (you understand) and then 'lows as how we can heave an overgrown grape fruit into the balcony, loser to pay one bone and for damages to said grape fruit. Which thing we can't do We knew we couldn't, but George gets the bone. And say, did you get that depreciated half-dollar pawned off on you, too?

Such a Young Thing, Too.

Well, besides being a good scout, a patron saint of ould Ireland, and an awful strain on the coffers, George makes a practice of setting out feed at peculiar intervals of the day and late evening. When it's not regular meals like fatimas and pistachios, it's luxuries like shredded wheat and dead eggs. Now, how does Tunbridge be able to do it without nervous breakdown? Simple enough, he came from Rome, and he's only twenty-nine years of age. "This is awful feverish," you remark. "Nobody can come from Rome and be but twenty-nine years old. You could only get to the suburbs by that time." But George did it, tho he lost a lot of hair in the process.

Now, in summers George lives in what they call the Beehive, corner of Washington and Dominick streets. Er—do you get hep to the analogy between a Beehive, Tunbridge, and Hamilton College? We get stung or the hives, either way. But Tunbridge is the finest man alive. He dines us, he tickles us, and duns us equally well, and impartially. He is also a very live wire. What more do we want, especially since George can be a regular old-sod Shamrocker?

Come up with a long yell, Red, ye spalpeen !

STUDENTS HEAR MRS. STOKES ON SOCIALISM

Noted Exponent of the Cause Addresses Prof. Davenport's Classes.

Mrs. J. P. Stokes, the millionaire's wife who is devoting her life to the promotion of Socialism, spoke before the Senior and Junior Economic classes Friday afternoon. She has spent the past week lecturing before the colleges of New York State, starting at Cornell on Monday and finishing at Union on Saturday, and was brought to the Hill by Prof. Davenport.

Mrs. Stokes in speaking of "What the Socialists Want and Why They Want It," said: "Forget for a moment what you may have heard about Socialism. We wish to make a basic change and make it thru the ballot. There is just one demand we make upon society everywhere— that the land and the social machinery of production be owned by society as a whole." "Land is as necessary to life as air. An inherited institution is rarely questioned. We have been born into land monopoly, and we keep on paying for the right to live. Suppose some capitalist had a monopoly on air and sold it for ten cents a sniff. With our first breath we would cry out against such a monopoly because we have tasted the freedom of air. Yet land is just as necessary and should be just as free."

"Society should own the social machinery of production," declared Mrs. Stokes. "Food, clothing, and shelter are the basic necessities, and there should be no private ownership in their production. They call the railroad a public utility. I cannot see why shoes are not just as much a public utility. Everybody uses shoes. Such industries we want to socialize as rapidly as possible, just as the preent administration has socialized the carrying of parcels in the Parcels Post."

The life story of Mrs. Stokes is very interesting. She was born in Russia and brought to this country when still a young girl. At the death of her father the support of a family of six fell upon her. She worked in a cigar factory and educated herself at night. Her opportunity came in 1902 when she accepted the assistant editorship of a Jewish enwspaper in New York City. While engaged in settlement work she met J. P. Stokes, the prominent New York millionaire, whom she married in 1904. Since then Mr. and Mrs. Stokes have devoted all their efforts and fortune to the support of Socialism.